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Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device comprising: a semiconductor substrate;

source and drain electrodes, which are formed on the semiconductor substrate to make ohmic contact with the semiconductor substrate;

- a T-shaped gate electrode, which is formed between the source and drain electrodes on the semiconductor substrate;
- a first insulating layer formed on the semiconductor substrate <u>and is in direct</u> contact with the source electrode, the drain electrode and the T-shaped gate electrode;
 - a silica aerogel layer formed on the first insulating layer; and
- a second insulating layer formed on the silica aerogel layer, the source electrode and the drain electrode, the second insulating layer including silica aerogel, the second insulating layer is <u>directly coupled in contact with to-the T-shaped</u> gate electrode.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein the first insulating layer is formed of silicon nitride and the second insulating layer formed of silica aerogel.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The semiconductor device of claim 2, wherein the silica aerogel layer has a thickness greater than the thickness of the first insulating layer.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The semiconductor device of claim 2, wherein the first insulating layer has a thickness of 100-1000 Å.

Claim 5 (Original): The semiconductor device of claim 1, wherein the silica aerogel layer has a thickness of 1000-3000 Å.

CLAIMS 6-12 (CANCELLED)